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AND USING SAME

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO MAY 19, 1993 OFFICE ACTION
AND REQUEST FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

SIR:

This Amendment is in response to the May 19, 1993 Office Action issued in the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action was originally due August 19, 1993. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time for responding to the May 19 Office Action and encloses the required fee for this extension. Accordingly, a response to the May 19, 1993 Office Action is now due November 19, 1993 and this Amendment is timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the title:

Delete the present title and add the following as the title:

--Modified Nucleotides and Polynucleotides and Complexes Form
Therefrom--.

In the claims:

Cancel claims 101-103, 110-112, 138, 148, 156, 157, 162 and 163.

Amend claims 152-155 and 158-161 as follows:

In claim 152, change "composition" in line 1 to --complex--
and "Claims 101 or 110" to --claims 164 or 167--.